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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 - 10 are in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the statements appearing below herein.

1. The specification has been corrected by inserting the serial number of the co-pending application referred in paragraphs [002] and [022].

2. Claims 1 - 10 have been rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as his invention. It is believed that the amendments made in the claims overcome this ground of rejection.

A. Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the frame recited as a component of the platen roller assemblies is a platen roller mounting frame as is illustrated in Fig. 3 by numerals 32b and 34b; - see paragraph [021]. In addition the claim now recites "first thermal print heads", "first platen roller assemblies" and a "first support member" to provide proper antecedent basis for the use of these terms in dependent claims.

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The claim now also recites that the support member is adapted "...for mounting at least one or more first platen roller assemblies" as is illustrated in Fig. 3.

B. Claim 2 has been amended to recite that the first support member is adapted to pivot in an imaginary plane as is illustrated in Fig. 4 and described in paragraph [024].

C. Claim 4 has been amended to recite that the "first support member is adapted to pivot ...in an arc ...said platen roller mounting frames remain tangential to said arc." as is illustrated in Fig. 6 and described in paragraph [028].

D. Claim 10 has been amended to recite that the respective platen roller assemblies are adapted to extend through a respective subframe section of the unified structure to contact the respective print heads as described in paragraphs [009] and [027] and illustrated in Fig. 5.

E. The other dependent claims have been amended to be consistent with the amendments made to the claims from which they depend.


The claims, as amended, are believed to comply with the criteria for patentability required by Section 112. Reconsideration of this ground of rejection and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

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3. Enclosed is a copy of Fig. 3 showing a proposed change thereto. The proposed change substitutes the numeral 16b for the numeral 16a originally present. This change is proposed in order to make the drawing coincide with the supporting text in the specification. See paragraph [021] and in particular the first two lines of that paragraph.

In summary, claims 1 - 10 are in the application and have been shown to be proper in form for allowance and in substance to be directed to a wholly novel and patentable thermal printer apparatus. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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